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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **PD-3**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2756

Dear Supervisors:

**PARKER MESA DRAIN, PROJECT NO. 46, PROJECT NO. 569,  
PROJECT NO. 1105, PROJECT NO. 7401 LOW-FLOW DIVERSION PROJECTS  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 AND 4  
3 VOTES**

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Find that the Parker Mesa Drain, Project No. 46, Project No. 569, Project No. 1105, and Project No. 7401 low-flow diversion projects to divert dry weather flows from existing Los Angeles County Flood Control District storm drains to city sewer lines are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Parker Mesa Drain, Project No. 46, Project No. 569, Project No. 1105, and Project No. 7401 low-flow diversion projects involve diverting dry weather flows from existing Los Angeles County Flood Control District Storm drains to city sewer lines. The purpose of the projects is to significantly reduce low and dry weather flows carrying pollutants into the ocean. The projects will have immediate positive impacts on the water quality of the local California state beaches.

In accordance with the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, we request your concurrence that the proposed projects are categorically exempt. A Notice of Exemption will be prepared for each of the five projects and posted for public review.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence. By implementing the proposed improvements, residents of the County will benefit from the enhanced water quality of the state beaches involved.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Your Board's approval of this recommendation will not result in any fiscal impact to the County General Fund. We anticipate submittal of the projects for your Board's approval to advertise for a construction contract for the low-flow diversion improvements in June 2004. These projects will be financed with a combination of the County Flood Fund, grant money from the State Water Resources Control Board's Clean Beaches Initiative, and reimbursement funds from the cities in which the projects are located.

### **FACT AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The recommended findings are in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and are required prior to the filing of the five Notices of Exemption with the County Clerk.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their action. The project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to Sections 15301(b) and (f) of the California Environmental Quality Act and Class 1(e) and (i) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

Upon approval of the exemption by your Board, a \$25 handling fee will be paid to the County Clerk for filing a Notice of Exemption for each of the five projects in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no impact to current County services as a result of your Board's approval of the recommended action.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to us.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel